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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS IRAN-IRAQ MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 619 (1988) of 9 August 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Military Observer Group, the latest of which was resolution 685 (1991) of 31 January 1991,

Recalling its resolution 42/233 of 17 August 1988 on the financing of the Military Observer Group and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 45/245 of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Military Observer Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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1/ A/47/560.

2/ A/47/606.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Military Observer Group, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Military Observer Group by certain Governments,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment in full of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group;

3. Decides to appropriate to the special account referred to in General Assembly resolution 42/233 the amount of 2,384,000 United States dollars gross (2,178,000 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly and apportioned in accordance with paragraphs 11 to 14 of its resolution 45/245 for the operation of the Military Observer Group for the period from 1 to 28 February 1991;

4. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 of the present resolution, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 2,384,000 dollars gross (2,178,000 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 to 28 February 1991;

5. Decides further that 19,596,389 dollars of the unutilized balance in the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group special account shall be credited to Member States;

6. Decides to transfer the balance remaining in the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group special account to the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund. 3/

3/ See resolution 47/___.

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FINANCING OF THE ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687 (1991): UNITED NATIONS IRAQ-KUWAIT OBSERVATION MISSION

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) and 689 (1991) of 3 and 9 April 1991, respectively, by which the Council decided to set up the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission and to review the question of its termination or continuation every six months,

Recalling its resolution 45/260 of 3 May 1991 on the financing of the Observation Mission and its subsequent resolution 46/197 of 20 December 1991,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observation Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observation Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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1/ A/47/637.

2/ A/47/735.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observation Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observation Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission in full and on time;

3. Decides that the authorization provided by its resolution 46/197 for the period from 9 April to 8 October 1992, inclusive, shall be extended to include the period up to and including 31 October 1992;

4. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in General Assembly resolution 45/260 an amount of 28.5 million United States dollars gross (27,698,200 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly and apportioned in accordance with paragraphs 4 to 13 of its resolution 46/197 for the operation of the Observation Mission from 8 April to 31 October 1992;

5. Decides further to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 20 million dollars gross (19,192,400 dollars net) for the operation of the Observation Mission from 1 November 1992 to 30 April 1993, inclusive, should the Security Council review the mandate of the Mission in respect of the period beyond 8 April 1993;

6. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 20 million dollars gross (19,192,400 dollars net) for the above-mentioned period among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198 of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 3/

3/ Resolution 46/221 A.

7. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 807,600 dollars for the period from 1 November 1992 to 30 April 1993 approved for the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

8. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Observation Mission at a rate not to exceed 3.3 million dollars gross (3.1 million dollars net) per month for the period from 1 May to 31 October 1993, subject to the review by the Security Council of the mandate of the Mission in respect of the period beyond 8 April 1993, and subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the actual level of commitments to be entered into for the period beyond 30 April 1993, the said amounts to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

9. Decides to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the Observation Mission in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-seventh session;

10. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 9 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

11. Decides to retain the unencumbered balance in the Special Account for the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

12. Decides also that the special financial period of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission shall be for twelve months, beginning 1 November of one year and ending on 31 October of the next, effective from 1 November 1992, subject to the continuation of the Observation Mission by the Security Council;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observation Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observation Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission".

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UNITED NATIONS PENSION SYSTEM

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/192 and 46/220 of 20 December 1991,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for 1992 to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, 1/ chapter III of the report of the International Civil Service Commission, 2/ the report of the Secretary-General on the investments of the Fund, 3/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 4/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/47/9).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 30 (A/47/30).

3/ A/C.5/47/8.

4/ A/47/578.

I

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION BOARD OF THE BIENNIALIZATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

Recalling its resolution 46/220 on the biennialization of the programme of work of the Fifth Committee,

1. Takes note of the decision of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to reschedule the next actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund to be as of 31 December 1993, instead of as of 31 December 1992, with subsequent valuations being carried out every two years;

2. Takes note of the additional responsibilities delegated by the Board to its Standing Committee to be carried out in odd-numbered years, as set out in paragraph 14 of the report of the Board; 1/

3. Takes note of the observations of the Board on the rescheduling of the dates for the next comprehensive review of the pensionable remuneration and consequent pensions of staff in the Professional and higher categories, and of the review of the maximum number of years of creditable contributory service in the Fund;

II

ACTUARIAL MATTERS

1. Takes note of the observations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board in section III.B of its report 1/ on the methodology and assumptions to be used in the actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as at 31 December 1993;

2. Requests the Board to consider the form in which it presents the results of actuarial valuations, taking into account the views of the Committee of Actuaries and of the Board of Auditors;

3. Takes note of the observations of the Board in section III.B of its report on matters related to the application of the transfer agreements between the Fund and the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic;

4. Concurs in the agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank, approved by the Board under article 13 of the Regulations of the Fund, with a view to securing the continuity of pension rights between the Bank and the Fund, as set out in annex IV of the report of the Board; 1/

III

PENSIONABLE REMUNERATION AND CONSEQUENT PENSIONS OF STAFF IN THE GENERAL SERVICE AND RELATED CATEGORIES

Recalling that in section III of its resolution 45/242, the General Assembly requested the International Civil Service Commission, in full cooperation with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, to submit recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, in respect of the comprehensive review of the methodology for determining the pensionable remuneration and consequent pensions of staff in the General Service and related categories,

Also recalling section II of its resolution 46/192,

Recalling its concurrence with the observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 5/ that the Commission and the Board should aim to eliminate current anomalies in the system without creating new ones,

Recognizing that the Statute of the Commission and the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund define the complementary and essential roles of the Commission and the Board in reviewing issues related to pensionable remuneration and consequent pensions, indispensable components of the conditions of service in the common system, and that pensionable remuneration has a decisive impact on the levels of contributions to be paid into the Fund by member organizations and by participants,

Noting that, based on a pilot study of six locations, the Commission and the Board had concluded that the approach of determining pensionable remuneration and/or pensions by reference to the local practices of employers used in General Service salary surveys should not be pursued further,

Also noting that

(a) The Commission and the Board had concluded that the methodology for determining General Service pensionable remuneration should relate the pensionable remuneration to the net base salaries received while in service,

(b) Regrettably, the Board had not been able to achieve agreement on the modalities for applying such an approach, as reflected in the table in paragraph 76 and annex VIII of the report of the Board, 1/ containing respectively, the positions of the three groups in the Board, together with the proposal of the Chairman of the Board, and the statements of the three groups on the Chairman's proposal,

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5/ A/46/614, para. 14, and A/47/578, para. 11.

(c) The Commission, in paragraphs 99 and 100 of its report, 2/ had reached conclusions on certain aspects of the methodology, indicated its intention to consider other outstanding aspects in 1993 and concluded that the implementation date for the revised methodology should be 1 January 1994,

Reiterating that the future work of the Board and the Commission should focus on the elimination or significant reduction of the "income inversion anomaly", as described and discussed in paragraphs 73 and 74 of the report of the Board, 1/ and in paragraphs 88 to 92 of the report of the Commission, 2/

Reiterating also its appreciation of the complexities and the importance of the issues involved for all parties concerned,

Taking note that the Board has not yet had an opportunity to consider the conclusions of the Commission, in paragraphs 99 and 100 of the report of the Commission, on certain aspects of the methodology, in the light of the views of the Commission contained in paragraphs 88 to 98 of its report, 2/

1. Endorses the conclusions of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the International Civil Service Commission that the methodology for determining the pensionable remuneration of staff in the General Service and related categories should relate the levels of pensionable remuneration and consequent pensions to salaries while in service;

2. Endorses also the approach in paragraph 1 above for future work on its various aspects, as reflected in the proposal of the Chairman of the Board in paragraphs 76 and 77 of the report of the Board, 1/ and in the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission in its report; 2/

3. Endorses further the conclusions reached by the Commission on those aspects of the methodology contained in its report; 2/

4. Requests the Commission in close cooperation with the Board as appropriate, to finalize the comprehensive review in 1993, and to submit recommendations on all aspects of the methodology to determine pensionable remuneration and consequent pensions, including the effective date of implementation and transitional measures to protect acquired rights, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

5. Also requests the Commission to recommend consequential amendments to the Staff Regulations of the member organizations and the Board to consider amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, which may be required in order to implement the revised methodology, in their respective reports to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

IV

PENSIONABLE REMUNERATION AND PENSIONS OF UNGRADED OFFICIALS

Recalling section III of its resolution 46/192 in which, inter alia, the General Assembly requested the International Civil Service Commission to

recommend guidelines for determining the pension arrangements for ungraded officials who do not become participants in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund so as to ensure system-wide comparability, as well as appropriate monitoring procedures, and to submit recommendations thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session and to the governing bodies of the other organizations of the United Nations common system,

Also recalling that in the same resolution the Assembly requested the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to consider amendments to the Regulations of the Fund to incorporate provisions governing the pensionable remuneration of ungraded officials and to extend the provisions placing a limit on the highest levels of pensions to cover all participants in the Fund, including ungraded officials,

1. Decides to convey to the governing bodies of the other member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund its view that their ungraded officials should become participants in the Fund so as to ensure system-wide comparability and that, if a governing body decides to make arrangements outside the Fund, the General Assembly believes that only the option currently available in the International Civil Aviation Organization, as described in paragraph 64 of the report of the International Civil Service Commission, 2/ would be appropriate;

2. Concurs with the decision of the Board to defer, until its next regular session in 1994, consideration of an amendment to article 54 to incorporate provisions governing the pensionable remuneration of ungraded officials, in order to allow time for the governing bodies of all member organizations of the Fund to take up the matters referred to them by the General Assembly in paragraphs 5 and 6 of section III of resolution 46/192;

3. Approves, with effect from 1 April 1993, an amendment to article 28 (d) of the Regulations of the Fund, as set out in annex I to the present resolution, to extend the ceiling on pensions to ungraded officials, as well as to other participants who are not currently covered by article 28 (d) of the Regulations but whose pensionable remuneration is greater than that at the D-2 level, top step, in the scale of pensionable remuneration appended to article 54 of the Regulations;

V

CHANGES IN THE PENSION ADJUSTMENT SYSTEM

Recalling section IV of its resolution 46/192, in which it approved the longer-term modification of the pension adjustment system that the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board had recommended in 1991,

1. Takes note of the observations of the Board on the additional studies related to that modification, including in particular a change in the "120 per cent cap" provision, reviews of the special index for pensioners, the applicability to staff in the General Service and related categories of the

longer-term modification of the pension adjustment system, as well as of the observations on the intention of the Board to make recommendations on these matters to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, in 1994;

2. Reiterates its request in resolution 46/192 that the Board continue to consider economy measures, including in particular a change of the "120 per cent cap" provision under the two-track pension adjustment system;

3. Approves, effective 1 April 1993, modification of the schedule for the special adjustment of small pensions under section E of the pension adjustment system, as recommended by the Board in paragraph 104 of its report, 1/ and the consequential changes in the pension adjustment system, as set out in annex II to the present resolution;

VI

OTHER MATTERS

1. Concurs with the decisions of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, set out in paragraphs 124 and 125 of its report, 1/ to consider again, at its next regular session in 1994, amendments to article 54 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund to incorporate therein provisions governing the longevity/merit steps granted by some organizations to their staff, as well as a definition of the pensionable remuneration of staff in the United Nations Field Service category;

2. Takes note of the other matters dealt with in the report of the Board; 1/

VII

INVESTMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund 3/ and welcomes in particular the commitment to global investment as indicated in paragraph 46 of the report of the Board 1/ and taking into account the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 23 of its report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session; 6/

2. Reiterates its requests to Member States that do not now grant tax exemptions for the investments of the Fund to make all possible efforts to permit such exemptions as soon as possible.

6/ A/46/614.

Annex I

Amendment to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Article 28

Retirement benefit

Replace paragraph (d) by the following:

"(d) (i) However, except as provided in (ii) below, the benefit otherwise payable at the standard annual rate in accordance with the applicable provisions of (b) or (c) above to a participant at a level above D-2, top step, of the scale of pensionable remuneration appended to article 54, shall not exceed, as at the time of the participant's separation, the greater of:

"(A) 60 per cent of his pensionable remuneration on the date of separation; or

"(B) The maximum benefit payable under the same provisions of (b) or (c) above to a participant at the level D-2 (top step for the preceding five years of the scale of pensionable remuneration appended to article 54, as adjusted), with 35 years of contributory service, separating on the same date as the participant.

"(ii) However, for a participant separating at the level of Under-Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General or their equivalent level to whom the provisions of (i) above are applicable, the benefit payable shall not be less than the benefit that would have been payable to him at the standard annual rate if he had separated from service on 31 March 1986; for participants separating at other levels above D-2, top step, in the scale of pensionable remuneration appended to article 54, to whom the provisions of (i) above are applicable, the benefit payable shall not be less than the benefit that would have been payable to the participant at the standard annual rate if he/she had separated from service on 31 March 1993; for participants who entered or re-entered the Fund at an ungraded level before 1 April 1993, the provisions of (i) above shall not be applicable."

Annex II

Changes in the pension adjustment system

E. SPECIAL ADJUSTMENT FOR SMALL PENSIONS

Replace paragraph 7 by the following:

"7. Whenever the standard annual rate of a retirement or disability benefit under the Fund's Regulations, before any commutation, is less than the highest dollar amount in the applicable table below, the benefit shall be subject to a special adjustment as follows:

"Annual amount of pension	Special adjustment (Percentage)
"Separations before 1 April 1993	
$4 000	0
3 800	3
3 600	7
3 400	12
3 200	17
3 000	22
2 800	28
2 600	34
2 400	40
2 200 or less	46
"Separations on or after 1 April 1993	
$6 500	0
6 250	3
6 000	6
5 750	9
5 500	12
5 250	15
5 000	18
4 750	21
4 500	25
4 250	28
4 000	31
3 750	34
3 500	37
3 250	40
3 000	43
2 750 or less	46"

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United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the eighteenth annual report of the International Civil Service Commission 1/ and other related reports, 2/

Reaffirming its commitment to a single unified United Nations common system of conditions of service,

I

A. Role and functioning of the International Civil Service Commission

Reaffirming that under article 9 of its statute, the International Civil Service Commission, in the exercise of its functions, shall be guided by the principle set out in the agreements between the United Nations and the other

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/47/30) and corrigendum.

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 9 (A/47/9); A/47/7/Add.6; A/47/578; A/C.5/47/25, A/C.5/47/36, A/C.5/47/37, A/C.5/47/38, A/C.5/47/66.

organizations, which aims at the development of a single unified international civil service through the application of common personnel standards, methods and arrangements,

Recalling its request to the Commission to assess the impact on the United Nations common system of resolution R. 1024 of the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union with respect to the payment of the special post allowance,

Recalling also its request to the Commission to propose measures to be undertaken by all organizations of the United Nations common system to enforce and enhance respect for, and adherence to, the common system of salaries, allowances and conditions of service,

Noting with regret that a further payment of the special post allowance was made to the staff of the International Telecommunication Union in spite of the views expressed by the General Assembly in section II of its resolution 46/191 of 20 December 1991 against such action,

1. Reaffirms the central role of the General Assembly with regard to the elaboration of the conditions of service for the United Nations common system as a whole and that of the International Civil Service Commission as the independent technical body responsible to the Assembly for the regulation and coordination of those conditions of service of the common system;

2. Notes with satisfaction the efforts made by the Commission to enhance its contacts with the governing bodies, executive heads and staff of organizations of the United Nations common system in order to strengthen the cohesiveness and unity of that system and, in this context, to emphasize its advantages;

3. Endorses the views of the Commission concerning the impact on the United Nations common system of resolution R. 1024 of the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union with respect to the payment of the special post allowance;

4. Urges the governing bodies and the executive heads of all organizations to ensure that the Commission is invited in its own right to be represented at meetings where proposals pertaining to salaries, allowances, benefits and other conditions of employment are to be discussed;

5. Notes that the Commission will study in 1993 the issues of accelerated language increments and working hours.

B. Staff participation in the work of the Commission

Reaffirming that article 28, paragraph 2, of the statute of the International Civil Service Commission, elaborated in its rules of procedure, provides staff representatives with the right, collectively or separately, to

present facts and views on any matter within the competence of the Commission and that staff representatives may attend meetings and may address the Commission on matters on its agenda,

Recalling section II of its resolution 45/241 of 21 December 1990, by which it expressed satisfaction with the establishment of a more active dialogue between the Commission and representatives of the organizations and staff, and section I of resolution 46/191, by which it took note with appreciation of the improvements that have taken place in the functioning of the Commission,

Regrets the suspension of the participation of the staff bodies in the work of the Commission and urges the resumption of the dialogue between the International Civil Service Commission and the staff bodies, which is of fundamental importance for the achievement of the goals of the common system.

C. Biennialization of the programme of work of the Fifth Committee

Welcoming the adaptations the International Civil Service Commission is making to its work programme in the light of the biennialization of the work of the Fifth Committee,

Taking note of the conclusions reached in respect of the Commission's current work schedule as contained in paragraph 29 of its report,

Concurs with the arrangements proposed for dealing exceptionally with the base/floor salary scale on an annual basis and other urgent salary matters on a timely basis as set forth in paragraph 28 of the report of the Commission.

II

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER CATEGORIES

A. Margin considerations

Recalling its decision that the Noblemaire principle should continue to serve as the basis for the determination of conditions of service of the United Nations common system staff for the Professional and higher categories,

Recalling also that it had endorsed the methodological approach, as outlined in paragraph 173 (d) of volume II of the fifteenth annual report of the International Civil Service Commission, 3/ for the calculation of the net remuneration margin,

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3/ Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/44/30), vol. II.

Recalling further section IV of resolution 46/191, by which it decided, without prejudice to previous decisions on the averaging of the margin around the mid-point over a five-year period, that any post adjustment increase in New York which may become due until 1994 may be implemented to the extent that it is compatible with the upper limit of the margin and that in this regard, it had endorsed the procedure proposed for the management of the post adjustment system within the current margin range as contained in paragraph 109 (b) of the Commission's seventeenth annual report, 4/

1. Takes note of the conclusions of the International Civil Service Commission as contained in chapter IV of its report regarding the evolution of the margin and its management over the five-year period 1990-1994;

2. Takes note also of the Commission's study of the methodology for determining the cost-of-living differential between New York and Washington, D.C. in the context of net remuneration margin calculations;

3. Requests the Commission to take into account the views expressed by the Member States on the completion of the above study and to submit a report on the application of the methodology to the General Assembly.

B. Base/floor salary scale

Recalling section I.H of resolution 44/198 of 21 December 1989, by which it approved the establishment of a floor net salary scale by reference to the corresponding base net salary levels of officials in comparable positions serving at the base city of the comparator civil service,

Approves, with effect from 1 March 1993, the revised scale of gross and net salaries for staff in the Professional and higher categories contained in annex I to the present resolution and the consequential amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations as reflected in annex II to the present resolution, and takes note of the views expressed by Member States in this regard, and its linkage with the mobility and hardship matrix referred to in section V of the present resolution.

C. Comparator

Recalling section VI of resolution 46/191, by which the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions of the Commission in respect of a methodology for conducting checks to determine the highest-paid civil service, as contained in annex V to volume I of its seventeenth annual report, 4/

4/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/46/30).

Recalling also that in section VI of the same resolution it invited the Commission to analyse the potential consequences of the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 on the pay levels of the current comparator, the United States federal civil service, providing in the analysis full details of all the special pay systems which have been introduced by the comparator civil service, and report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session,

Noting that the comparisons carried out by the Commission in response to a request from the Administrative Committee on Coordination with other major international organizations outside the common system had indicated that the remuneration levels at those organizations were higher than those of the common system,

Reiterates its request to the Commission to complete phase I of its study leading to the identification of the highest-paying civil service, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, and in this context invites the Commission also to study all aspects of the application of the Noblemaire principle with a view to ensuring the competitiveness of the United Nations common system.

D. Rental subsidy scheme

Recalling its request to the Commission to examine experience gained with the functioning of the current rental subsidy scheme at headquarters duty stations as contained in section III of resolution 45/241,

1. Concurs with the conclusions of the Commission as contained in paragraph 130 of its report;

2. Requests the Commission to ensure that the modalities for implementation of the rental subsidy scheme are conveyed to the organizations.

E. Special occupational rates

Mindful of sections I and II of its resolution 46/191, by which it acknowledged that the United Nations common system and the Commission should be responsive to the special needs and concerns of the participating organizations, while emphasizing that such needs and concerns should be addressed within the common system,

Taking note of the views of the Commission concerning the introduction of special occupational rates within the common system as set out under paragraphs 172 to 175 and 177 of its report and of the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,

Stressing that special occupational rates should be introduced only in exceptional cases of proven recruitment and retention difficulties, as determined by the Commission in close cooperation with the organizations concerned,

1. Endorses in principle the approach outlined by the Commission in paragraph 177 of its report for the introduction of the special occupational rates in the common system and requests the Commission to submit recommendations for the consideration of the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

2. Emphasizes that special occupational rates should be subject to the provisions of paragraph 174 of the report of the Commission, should be specific to individual posts where there are demonstrable recruitment and retention problems and should be time limited;

3. Requests the Commission to consider the feasibility and effects of including the special occupational rates in the calculation of the margin and also requests the Commission to report to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

F. Dependency allowances

Recalling section I.G of its resolution 44/198, by which it requested the International Civil Service Commission to reconsider the methodology for the determination of dependency allowances in the light of the tax practices of the comparator,

Noting the Commission's review of this matter as contained in paragraphs 178 to 193 of its report,

1. Approves with effect from 1 January 1993 an increase of 21 per cent in the children's allowance and with effect from the same date an increase of 50 per cent in the secondary dependant's allowance and the Commission's recommendations in respect of eligibility criteria and the maintenance of the local-currency entitlement system;

2. Notes that the Commission will review the level of dependency allowances every two years, in order to ensure, inter alia, that all relevant changes in tax and social legislation have been taken into consideration.

G. Conditions of service of the Assistant Secretaries-General and Under-Secretaries-General and the structure of the salary scale

Recalling section V of its resolution 45/241, by which it requested the International Civil Service Commission to reconsider, in a comprehensive manner, the remuneration of staff of the organizations of the United Nations common system at the assistant secretary-general, under-secretary-general and equivalent levels,

Taking note of the recommendations of the Commission as contained in paragraph 173 of its seventeenth annual report and repeated in paragraph 207 of its eighteenth annual report,

Recalling also section VII of its resolution 46/191, by which it deferred consideration of the recommendations of the Commission to its current session,

Recalling further that in section IX of its resolution 46/191 it had requested the Commission to include in its work programme a review of the differences between United Nations and United States net remuneration at individual grade levels and to report to the General Assembly at the earliest opportunity,

Mindful of the proposals of the Secretary-General in respect of the conditions of service of under-secretaries-general and assistant secretaries-general 5/ and the reports of the Secretary General on representation allowances for this category of staff in the United Nations, 6/

Taking note of the views expressed on this question by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 7/

Taking into account the comments of Member States in the Fifth Committee,

Taking note also of the recommendation of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Commission concerning the levels of remuneration of staff at the D-1 and D-2 levels and the conclusions of the Commission as contained in paragraph 176 of the report of the Commission, 1/

1. Requests the Commission, in close cooperation with the organizations, to develop appropriate guidelines for the administration of the revised housing arrangements for eligible officials outlined in paragraph 173 (c) of the seventeenth annual report, taking into account the views expressed by Member States;

2. Decides to revert to the consideration of the conditions of service, including the question of representation allowances, of assistant secretaries-general and under-secretaries-general and equivalent levels at the earliest possible opportunity;

3. Invites the Commission to continue to keep under review the structure of the salary scale at all levels of the Professional and higher categories, taking into account, inter alia, the overall level of the margin as established by the General Assembly and the imbalance between the margin levels for different Professional grade levels, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

5/ A/C.5/47/37, paras. 10-28.

6/ A/C.5/46/32 and A/C.5/47/39.

7/ A/47/7/Add.6, paras. 10-20.

III

GENERAL SERVICE SALARY SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Recalling section XIII of its resolution 45/241 and section X of its resolution 46/191 by which, inter alia, it requested the Commission to report on its review of the methodology for the conduct of salary surveys of the General Service and related categories at headquarters duty stations,

Taking note of the Commission's conclusions on the matter as contained in chapter V of its report, 1/

Recalling also its request to the Secretary-General, in section XIII of resolution 45/241, to submit to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session a report on procedures whereby the Secretary-General and other executive heads could take measures regarding salary scales of the General Service category at variance with recommendations of the Commission only after consultations with appropriate intergovernmental bodies and the Commission,

1. Endorses the reaffirmation by the International Civil Service Commission of the Flemming principle as enunciated at its fifteenth session as the basis for the determination of conditions of service of the General Service and related categories;

2. Takes note of the decisions of the Commission in respect of the refinements and modifications to the methodology as contained in paragraph 231 of its report, and the procedures for their introduction as outlined in paragraph 232 of its report, on the understanding that such modifications will be taken into account beginning with the salary survey being carried out in Paris;

3. Calls upon all organizations to ensure that interim adjustments to salaries are not resumed until the recommendations from the Commission based on the comprehensive General Service salary survey are acted upon by the organizations;

4. Regrets that it has not so far received the report on procedures to be taken in the event that the implementation of a General Service salary survey is at variance with the recommendations of the Commission, welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to implement resolution 45/241, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the report no later than the forty-ninth session of the Assembly.

IV

EDUCATION GRANT

Recalling section III.B of its resolution 43/226 of 21 December 1988, by which it approved as an interim measure the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission for the management of the reimbursement of expenses under the education grant on the basis of different currency areas,

1. Endorses the revised methodology for the determination of the education grant as contained in annex VII to the report of the International Civil Service Commission; 1/

2. Approves increases in the maximum reimbursement levels in five currency areas as recommended by the Commission in paragraph 252 of its report;

3. Requests the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the operation of the education grant on the basis of the revised methodology, taking into account the views of Member States on this matter.

V

MOBILITY AND HARDSHIP SCHEME

Recalling section I.E of its resolution 44/198, by which it introduced a mobility and hardship allowance with effect from 1 July 1990 and requested the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the operation of the allowance and the assignment grant,

Recalling also section V of its resolution 46/191, by which it requested the Commission to include in its report on the operation of the mobility and hardship allowance a cost-benefit analysis of the operation of that allowance as well as an assessment of the personnel management benefits,

1. Takes note of the conclusions of the International Civil Service Commission in respect of the operation of the mobility and hardship scheme as contained in chapter VII of its report; 1/

2. Concurs that the existing parameters of the mobility and hardship scheme be maintained;

3. Takes note also of the Commission's intention to review the operation of the scheme after more experience has been gained in its operation;

4. Requests the Commission to include the following elements in its forthcoming review:

(a) The adjustment procedure which links the matrix to revisions of the base/floor salary;

(b) The percentage levels attributed to the matrix also in comparison with those applicable in the comparator civil service and in particular those pertaining to the H and A categories;

(c) An analysis of the extent each of the component parts which make up the matrix meets the needs of the organizations;

(d) A precise quantification of the cost savings;

and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.

VI

STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Recalling section XI of its resolution 45/241, by which it invited the Commission, working together with the organizations of the common system and with the staff representatives, to examine specific and practical steps to translate into action earlier recommendations and requests relating to the status of women in the United Nations system,

Appreciating the work done by the Commission's Working Group on the Status of Women in the United Nations system as outlined in chapter VIII of the report of the Commission, 1/

1. Urges the organizations of the common system to introduce a coherent plan for improving the status of women in each organization in the course of 1993 with full respect for their basic instruments and taking into account the recommendations of the Commission. As part of this process, organizations should give attention not only to the representation, promotion and career progression of women but also to work/family-related issues, spouse employment and the creation of an organizational climate conducive to the equal participation of men and women in the work of the organizations;

2. Requests the Commission to continue to report on a regular basis both on the extent of implementation of previous recommendations in this area and of new initiatives proposed by them or introduced by the organizations to enhance the status of women in the common system.

VII

PERSONNEL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Recalling its requests in section XII of resolution 45/241 and in section VIII of resolution 46/191 that as a matter of priority the Commission resume active consideration of the substantive areas covered under articles 13 and 14 of its statute and, notably, review merit systems and performance appraisal in the common system,

Noting, inter alia, the inclusion of studies on performance appraisal and the recognition of merit in the work programme of the Commission for 1993 and 1994,

Urges the Commission, as a complement to studies being undertaken in the remuneration area, to give equal attention in its work programme to measures designed to promote sound personnel management in the international public service, including recruitment forecasting, human resources planning, performance management and staff development and training.

ANNEX I

Salary scale for the Professional and higher categories showing annual gross salaries and net equivalents after application of staff assessment

(In United States dollars)

(Effective 1 March 1993)

Level/Steps		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV
USG	Gross	140 296														
	Net D	86 914														
	Net S	78 122														
ASG	Gross	134 456														
	Net D	79 716														
	Net S	72 087														
D-2	Gross	109 444	111 946	114 448	116 948	119 450	121 952									
	Net D	66 711	68 012	69 313	70 613	71 914	73 215									
	Net S	61 183	62 273	63 364	64 454	65 545	66 636									
D-1	Gross	96 315	98 417	100 529	102 667	104 810	106 952	109 094	111 237	113 377						
	Net D	59 847	60 961	62 075	63 187	64 301	65 415	66 529	67 643	68 756						
	Net S	55 384	56 308	57 296	58 220	59 162	60 096	61 030	61 964	62 897						
P-5	Gross	84 528	86 430	88 332	90 234	92 136	94 036	95 938	97 840	99 740	101 673	103 612	105 548	107 487		
	Net D	53 600	54 608	55 616	56 624	57 632	58 639	59 647	60 655	61 662	62 670	63 678	64 685	65 693		
	Net S	49 669	50 579	51 488	52 397	53 306	54 214	55 123	56 033	56 941	57 794	58 640	59 484	60 329		
P-4	Gross	69 020	70 843	72 661	74 480	76 302	78 120	79 941	81 794	83 649	85 502	87 355	89 213	91 066	92 921	94 775
	Net D	45 271	46 255	47 237	48 219	49 203	50 185	51 168	52 151	53 134	54 116	55 098	56 083	57 065	58 048	59 031
	Net S	42 103	43 000	43 894	44 789	45 686	46 580	47 476	48 363	49 249	50 135	51 021	51 909	52 795	53 681	54 567
P-3	Gross	55 753	57 431	59 111	60 787	62 467	64 145	65 839	67 550	69 259	70 970	72 680	74 389	76 098	77 807	79 519
	Net D	38 014	38 937	39 861	40 783	41 707	42 630	43 553	44 477	45 400	46 324	47 247	48 170	49 093	50 016	50 940
	Net S	35 520	36 356	37 192	38 027	38 864	39 699	40 538	41 380	42 220	43 062	43 904	44 744	45 585	46 426	47 268
P-2	Gross	44 351	45 779	47 226	48 675	50 123	51 572	53 021	54 468	55 953	57 453	58 953	60 456			
	Net D	31 517	32 344	33 169	33 995	34 820	35 646	36 472	37 297	38 124	38 949	39 774	40 601			
	Net S	29 603	30 359	31 110	31 862	32 614	33 366	34 118	34 869	35 620	36 367	37 114	37 862			
P-1	Gross	33 277	34 580	35 910	37 256	38 600	39 944	41 292	42 636	43 980	45 337					
	Net D	24 949	25 744	26 537	27 331	28 124	28 917	29 712	30 505	31 298	32 092					
	Net S	23 565	24 299	25 028	25 758	26 486	27 215	27 965	28 674	29 402	30 130					

D = Rate applicable to staff members with a dependent spouse or child.
S = Rate applicable to staff members with no dependent spouse or child.

a/ This scale represents the result of a consolidation of 6.9 multiplier points of post adjustment into net base salary. There will be consequential adjustments in the post adjustment indices and multipliers at all duty stations effective 1 March 1993. Thereafter, changes in post adjustment classifications will be effected on the basis of the movements of the newly consolidated post adjustment indices.

ANNEX II

Amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

Regulation 3.3

Replace the second table in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) by the following table:

Total assessable payments (United States dollars)	Staff assessment rates used in conjunction with gross base salaries	
	Staff member with a dependent spouse or a dependent child	Staff member with neither a dependent spouse nor a dependent child
First $15 000 per year	13.0	17.1
Next $5 000 per year	31.0	34.2
Next $5 000 per year	34.0	38.4
Next $5 000 per year	37.0	41.7
Next $5 000 per year	39.0	43.7
Next $10 000 per year	41.0	45.8
Next $10 000 per year	43.0	48.1
Next $10 000 per year	45.0	50.2
Next $15 000 per year	46.0	50.8
Next $20 000 per year	47.0	52.2
Remaining assessable payments ..	48.0	56.4

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

Establishment of a Peace-keeping Reserve Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace", 1/

Having considered with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General 2/ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

Noting that the Organization is confronted with increasing demands and challenges in the area of peace-keeping operations,

Recognizing the unpredictable nature of peace-keeping operations and the consequent necessity of giving the Secretary-General adequate resources to respond in a timely manner to a crisis,

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1/ A/47/277-S/24111.

2/ A/46/600 and Add.1-3, A/47/1 and A/C.5/47/13.

3/ A/46/765 and A/47/565.

Recognizing that it is essential to provide peace-keeping operations, especially in their start-up phases, with the necessary financial resources, to enable the timely, full and effective implementation of their mandates,

Decides:

(a) To establish under the authority of the Secretary-General effective 1 January 1993 a Peace-keeping Reserve Fund as a cash flow mechanism to ensure the rapid response of the Organization to the needs of peace-keeping operations;

(b) To authorize the Secretary-General to advance from the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund such sums as may be necessary to finance:

(i) Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses relating to peace-keeping operations within the commitment authority established by the General Assembly;

(ii) Budgetary appropriations, including start-up costs, approved by the General Assembly for new, expanded or renewed peace-keeping operations pending the collection of assessed contributions;

(c) That the advances authorized in accordance with subparagraph (b) above shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for these purposes;

(d) That the level of the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund shall be 150 million United States dollars;

(e) That Member States' shares of the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund shall remain fixed and shall be calculated on the basis of the ad hoc apportionment as set out in General Assembly resolution 45/247 of 21 December 1990;

(f) That the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund will be financed as follows:

(i) By the transfer of the balance of the excess of income over expenditures in the special accounts of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group and the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group after the credits to Member States have been applied in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 45/265 of 17 May 1991, 47/__ of _____1992 and 47/__ of _____ 1992, based on the latest rates of apportionment applied for the United Nations Transition Assistance Group and the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group;

(ii) As to the balance, by the transfer of whatever portion of the amount of 154,881,112 dollars that has been retained in the General Fund pursuant to General Assembly resolution 42/216 A of 21 December 1987 is needed in order for each Member State to reach its fixed share of the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund based on the ad hoc apportionment set out in General Assembly resolution 45/247;

(g) That States which shall become Members of the United Nations following the date of the adoption of the present resolution and which do not have a claim to a share in the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund shall contribute to the Fund in accordance with the scale of apportionment for peace-keeping operations in effect on the date of their first assessment for United Nations peace-keeping operations;

(h) That all outstanding unpaid contributions to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group and/or the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group at the date of the final liquidation of these accounts shall be transferred as receivable assets to the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund;

(i) (i) That the sum referred to in subparagraph f (i) above shall become credits available to Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group and/or the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group upon the liquidation of the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund;

(ii) The sum referred to in subparagraph f (ii) shall reduce the credits available to Member States in the General Fund by the amounts transferred to the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund and shall become credits to Member States, which have no unpaid assessed contributions to the regular budget for the biennium 1986-1987, upon the liquidation of the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund;

(j) To address the issue of the imputation of interest income earned in the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund at the earliest opportunity during its forty-seventh session;

(k) That the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, without prejudice to the funding of the activities of the regular budget;

(l) To request the Secretary-General to report on actions taken to implement the present resolution at the earliest opportunity during its forty-seventh session.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly

(a) Takes note of the statistical reports by the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of organizations of the United Nations system; 1/

(b) Requests the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, taking into account General Assembly resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991 on the rationalization of the work of the Fifth Committee, to submit the next statistical report by the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session and thereafter every second year, and to add to the material covered therein information on assessed and voluntary contributions paid by Member States and non-Member States, in each of the two prior calendar years;

(c) Also takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on accounting standards; 2/ requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of United Nations programmes and organizations of the United Nations system, pursuant to General Assembly decision 46/445 of 20 December 1991, to complete their efforts to develop common accounting standards for the organizations of the United Nations system and to take these standards into account in the

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1/ A/47/593 and A/47/746.

2/ A/47/443.

preparation of their financial statements for the period ending 31 December 1993, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

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JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 46/446 of 20 December 1991 and its relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 45/237 of 21 December 1990,

Having considered the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities during the periods 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991 1/ and 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992, 2/ the work programmes of the Unit for the same periods 3/ and the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit, 4/

Having considered also the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Joint Inspection Unit, 5/ submitted in accordance with paragraph (g) of the above-mentioned decision,

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/46/34).

2/ Ibid., Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/47/34).

3/ A/46/89, annex, and A/47/119, annex.

4/ A/46/219 and A/47/373.

5/ A/47/755.

1. Takes note of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1990-1991 and 1991-1992 and of its work programmes for the same periods and of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit;

2. Takes note also of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Joint Inspection Unit;

3. Invites the Joint Inspection Unit, in drawing up its work programme for 1993 and its preliminary work programme for 1994-1995, to make proposals to reflect the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to submit the work programme to the General Assembly as soon as possible;

4. Decides, in accordance with its resolution 46/220, of 20 December 1991, to resume consideration of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit and that of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as its forty-eighth session.

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PATTERN OF CONFERENCES

Draft resolution submitted by the Coordinator, Mr. Mahbub Kabir (Bangladesh), following informal consultations

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences, 1/

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 43/222 B of 21 December 1988 and 46/190 of 20 December 1991,

1. Approves the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1993 as submitted and amended by the Committee on Conferences; 2/

2. Authorizes the Committee on Conferences to make adjustments in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1993 that may become necessary as a result of action and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

3. Urges all subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council to seek the technical advice of the Office of

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/47/32, and Add.1).

2/ Ibid., annex.

Conference Services on the availability of conference-servicing facilities and resources in the process of the determination and adjustment of the dates and periodicity of their sessions in order to enhance planning and optimize utilization of conference-servicing resources;

4. Urges all United Nations organs to utilize conference-servicing resources allocated to them in the most efficient and cost-effective manner and to maximize the accuracy with which they forecast the number of fully serviced meetings;

5. Requests the Secretariat to bring the relevant General Assembly resolutions and guidelines on the use of conference-servicing resources, and information on the notional costs per hour of meeting time, to the attention of all organs;

6. Urges all subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council to comply with the request of the General Assembly as contained in paragraph 11 of resolution 46/190 to undertake informal consultations on a regular basis for the purpose of improving the utilization of their conference-servicing resources;

7. Renews its requests as contained in paragraph 12 of resolution 46/190 to the Chairmen of those subsidiary bodies to report the results of the consultations mentioned in paragraph 6 above to the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, and requests the Committee on Conferences to review a comprehensive analysis of replies received;

8. Urges the subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council, in the context of the required consultations mentioned in paragraph 6 above, to evaluate and report on the measures taken, including, inter alia, the convening of meetings in a timely manner, rationalizing their meeting requirements, improving the scheduling of informal consultations, the possibility of biennializing agenda items, as well as monitoring the timely issuance and availability of documentation;

9. Invites the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to continue to evaluate their meeting and documentation requirements, with a view to rationalizing them, and to report on progress thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Committee on Conferences;

10. Endorses the decision of the Committee on Conferences to request its Chairman to consult on its behalf with the Chairmen of organs concerned, where the utilization factor is lower than the established benchmark figure for the last three years, and requests the Committee on Conferences to report the results of such consultations to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

11. Decides that such consultations should be with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of

conference-servicing resources and rationalizing the duration and frequency of conference-servicing time allocated, taking into account the high costs of conference servicing and the demands placed upon the Organization;

12. Welcomes the decision of the Committee on Conferences to incorporate availability and compliance indices on pre-session documentation into the experimental methodology on the utilization of conference-servicing resources;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Committee on Conferences, in addition to the utilization rate, with qualitative indicators and information about the way conference time is used in order to enable the Committee to make recommendations on conference time allocated to different bodies;

14. Requests the Committee on Conferences to finalize its analysis of the experimental methodology on the utilization of conference-servicing resources, to report on its conclusions and to submit its recommendations, as appropriate, including a revision of the benchmark figure as requested in paragraph 15 of resolution 46/190, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

15. Demands that all subsidiary organs of the General Assembly comply with the provisions of paragraph 7 of section I of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985;

16. Reaffirms that the Committee on Conferences and the Secretary-General should take account, in drawing up the calendar of conferences and meetings, of the principles contained in paragraph 10 of section I of resolution 40/243;

17. Reaffirms that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to present a revised consolidated statement of scheduled special conferences convened under United Nations auspices towards the end of each session.

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions on the control and limitation of documentation, including, inter alia, resolutions 33/56 of 14 December 1978, 36/117 B of 10 December 1981, 37/14 C of 16 November 1982 and 45/238 B of 21 December 1990,

Recognizing the sovereign right of Member States to request circulation of communications as official documents,

Emphasizing the importance of timely availability of pre-session documentation,

Noting that summary records for some bodies entitled to such records have been discontinued for some time,

Taking into account annex VI, section III, of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, 3/

Noting with concern that some United Nations bodies may not be able to consider agenda items for which pre-sessional documents are presented after those sessions have begun,

1. Renews its appeal to Member States to exercise restraint in their requests for circulation of communications and to submit their requests for circulation of communications in the most appropriate, brief, complete, concise and timely manner possible;

2. Requests Member States to exercise restraint in requesting documentation and in the submission of their reports;

3. Encourages those subsidiary organs that comply with the desirable thirty-two-page limit to continue that welcome practice;

4. Urges those subsidiary organs that have been unable to comply with the desirable thirty-two-page limit, in particular those provided with summary records, to make efforts to reduce the length of future reports;

5. Encourages those bodies that receive summary records and whose reports exceed the thirty-two-page limit, to consider relinquishing their entitlement to summary records;

6. Urges those bodies that receive summary records to consider relinquishing their entitlement when drafting is being undertaken in formal session and duly recorded in the report;

7. Urges the Secretary-General to take necessary measures to ensure that pre-session documents for meetings are distributed no less than six weeks before the meetings in all official languages, unless there is a specific decision by the body concerned regarding the timing of issuance of pre-session documentation;

8. Urges the substantive departments of the Secretariat to comply with the rule which requires them to submit pre-session documents to the Office of Conference Services at least ten weeks before the beginning of sessions, in order to permit processing in time in all official languages;

3/ A/520/Rev.15 (United Nations publication, Sales No. 85.I.13).

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in the context of measures mentioned in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, to review all of the factors involved in the timely issuance of pre-session documentation, including the quality and timeliness of submission to the Office of Conference Services, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session through the Committee on Conferences;

10. Requests the Secretariat to bring to the attention of all organs and of the substantive offices concerned the relevant General Assembly resolutions, rules and regulations on control and limitation of documentation, including the guidelines for drafting reports as contained in General Assembly resolution 37/14 C and information on the notional cost per page of documentation;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to review current mailing lists with the aim of pruning and updating them and eliminating waste;

12. Urges subsidiary organs to review their agendas with a view to enabling the Secretariat's compliance with the six-week rule, inter alia, through combining agenda items and limiting requests for pre-session documentation, and requests the Secretary-General to inform the subsidiary organs of this appeal and to report orally to the Committee on Conferences on the measures taken to this effect;

13. Appeals to intergovernmental bodies to make active use of the report on the state of preparation of pre-session documentation when reviewing the organizational arrangements for substantive sessions;

14. Welcomes the decision of the Committee on Conferences to review the criteria, status and guidelines on the provision of written meeting records, and requests the Committee, taking into account the costs of conference servicing, to report thereon to the General Assembly with concrete recommendations at its forty-eighth session;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to provide summary records in a timely manner, particularly for the meetings of the Main Committees of the General Assembly, and in this regard urges him to improve the overall efficiency of conference services within existing resources;

16. Decides that, at its forty-ninth session, there shall be a comprehensive review of, inter alia, the need for, usefulness of and timely issuance of verbatim and summary records, on the basis of a report by the Secretary-General through the Committee on Conferences and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

17. Requests the Secretariat to issue the verbatim records of the plenary meetings of the General Assembly in final form only, on the understanding that these records would be issued promptly and that consolidated corrigenda would be issued at appropriate intervals;

18. Requests the Secretariat to pursue the possibility of issuing the verbatim records of the Security Council in a similar manner on the understanding that these records would be issued as promptly as the provisional ones do at present.

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The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the Office of Conference Services as called for in resolution 46/190 of 20 December 1991, 4/ which was considered by the Committee on Conferences as a good description of the existing problems facing the Office but lacked far-reaching proposals,

Reaffirming that the provision of appropriate, high-quality conference services to the United Nations is an essential element in the efficient functioning of the Organization,

Concurring with the conclusion of the Committee on Conferences that the ultimate aim for all organizational aspects of conference servicing would be to develop further a system of global planning and coordination - in order to ensure the most cost-effective management of the meeting and documentation resources - while maintaining the requisite high quality of services,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the above-mentioned review of the Office of Conference Services, to continue to monitor various factors affecting the performance of the Office, taking into account paragraph 100 of the report of the Committee on Conferences 5/ and the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee, and to provide recommendations thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session through the Committee on Conferences and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Committee on Conferences and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in the context of the review mentioned in paragraph 1 above, a comprehensive review taking into account the reports of external consultants and all the recommendations of the Management Advisory Service, including the cost/benefit aspects of new technologies and the financial implications of the recommendations;

4/ A/47/336.

5/ A/47/32.

(b) To undertake a follow-up to the review of the Office of Conference Services by the Management Advisory Service and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

(c) To present, if necessary, recommendations on possible restructuring of the Office of Conference Services to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session through the Committee on Conferences and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. Urges the Committee on Conferences to continue to explore ways and means for a more effective implementation of its terms of reference as set out in resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988 and the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Group of High-Level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations, 6/ as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, with a view to ensuring the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources, via, inter alia, minimizing wastage and the rationalization of meeting programmes and documentation requirements.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on the use of languages in the United Nations,

Also recalling resolution 42/207 C of 11 December 1987 on the equal treatment of all official languages of the United Nations,

Renews its request to the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure the provision of conference services as specified in its relevant resolutions and with due respect for the equal treatment of all official languages of the United Nations.

6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974, by which the Council established the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the mandate of the Force was extended, the latest of which was Security Council resolution 790 (1992) of 25 November 1992,

Recalling its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 46/193 of 20 December 1991,

Reaffirming its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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1/ A/47/620.

2/ A/47/782.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations involving heavy expenditures,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Having regard to the financial position of the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, as set forth in the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ and referring to paragraphs 24 and 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee, 2/

Recognizing that, as a consequence of the withholding of contributions by certain Member States, the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have, in effect, been drawn upon to supplement the income received from contributions for meeting expenses of the Forces,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation that a voluntary contribution has been made to the Force by a Government,

1. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section II, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 3211 B (XXIX) the amount of 21,384,000 United States dollars gross (20,835,000 dollars net) authorized and apportioned in paragraph 14 of Assembly resolution 46/193 for the operation of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1992, inclusive;

2. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 18,206,500 dollars gross (17,718,000 dollars net) for the operation of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 December 1992 to 31 May 1993, inclusive;

3. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 18,206,500 dollars gross (17,718,000 dollars net) for the above-mentioned period among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by Assembly resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198 of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 3/

3/ Resolution 46/221 A.

4. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the estimated income of 7,500 dollars other than staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 December 1992 to 31 May 1993, inclusive;

5. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 481,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 December 1992 to 31 May 1993, inclusive;

6. Decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 911,000 dollars gross (841,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 December 1991 to 30 November 1992, inclusive;

7. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at a rate not to exceed 3,034,000 dollars gross (2,953,000 dollars net) per month for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1993, inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 790 (1992), the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

8. Decides that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended in respect of the surplus balance as at 31 December 1991 covering the period from 1 December 1990 to 30 November 1991 in the amount of 4,520,635 dollars, which otherwise would have to be surrendered pursuant to those provisions, this amount to be entered into the Suspense Account established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 33/13 E of 14 December 1978, until a further decision is taken by the Assembly;

9. Decides also to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-seventh session;

10. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 9 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions to be determined;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by General Assembly resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was Council resolution 768 (1992) of 30 July 1992,

Recalling its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 46/194 of 20 December 1991,

Reaffirming its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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1/ A/47/740.

2/ A/47/782.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations involving heavy expenditures,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Having regard to the financial position of the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, as set forth in the report of the Secretary-General, and referring to paragraph 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee,

Recalling its resolution 34/9 E of 17 December 1979 and the subsequent resolutions in which it decided that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations should be suspended, the latest of which was resolution 46/194,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Force on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States, resulting from the withholding of contributions by certain Member States,

Concerned also that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the Force have, in effect, been drawn upon to the full extent to supplement the income received from contributions for meeting expenses of the Force,

Concerned further that the implementation of the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations would aggravate the already difficult financial situation of the Force,

1. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 the amount of 148,708,000 United States dollars gross (145,677,000 dollars net) authorized and apportioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 of its resolution 46/194 for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 1 February 1992 to 31 January 1993, inclusive;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Force at a rate not to exceed 12,190,000 dollars gross (11,931,500 dollars net) per month for the period beginning 1 February 1993,

should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 768 (1992);

3. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amounts referred to in paragraph 2 above among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by Assembly resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198 of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 3/

4. Decides also to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the Assembly for these Member States at its forty-seventh session;

5. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 4 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

6. Decides that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended in respect of the amount of 6,851,976 dollars, which otherwise would have to be surrendered pursuant to those provisions, this amount to be entered in the account referred to in the operative part of General Assembly resolution 34/9 E of 17 December 1979 and held in suspense until a further decision is taken by the Assembly;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. Renews its invitation to Member States and other interested parties to make voluntary contributions to the Force both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991, and also to make voluntary contributions in cash to the Suspense Account established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/9 D of 17 December 1979;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

3/ See resolution 46/221 A.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITION ASSISTANCE GROUP

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Transition Assistance Group for a period of up to twelve months, as well as Council resolutions 629 (1989) of 16 January 1989 and 632 (1989) of 16 February 1989,

Recalling its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989 on the financing of the Group and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 45/265 of 17 May 1991,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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1/ A/47/555 and Corr.1.

2/ A/47/756.

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Group, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of the Group,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions in cash and in kind have been made to the Group,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group in full;

3. Takes note with appreciation of the financing by two Member States through voluntary contributions of the shortfall of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the repatriation of Namibians, and decides that the corresponding amount in the Special Account of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group shall be transferred to the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund; 3/

4. Decides that 2,006,977 United States dollars, representing the unencumbered balance of appropriations (1,952,629 dollars) and the additional voluntary contributions in cash (54,348 dollars), in the Special Account of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group shall be credited to Member States;

5. Decides further to transfer any additional amount remaining in the Special Account of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group after liquidation of obligations owed to Member States to the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund.

3/ See resolution 47/___ .

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/18 of 20 November 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 46/198 B of 14 February 1992, 46/222 A of 14 February 1992 and 46/222 B of 22 May 1992,

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 717 (1991) of 16 October 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia, and Council resolution 728 (1992) of 8 January 1992, by which the Council approved the proposal of the Secretary-General to expand the mandate of the Advance Mission, 1/ especially with regard to the provision of assistance in mine clearing by Cambodians,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 718 (1991) of 31 October 1991, by which the Council expressed its full support for the agreements on a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodia conflict (Paris agreements), signed in Paris on 23 October 1991, 2/ and Council resolution 745 (1992) of 28 February 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia, in accordance with the report of the Secretary-General of 19 February 1992, 3/ for a period not to exceed eighteen months,

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1/ See S/23331.

2/ See A/46/608-S/23177, annex.

3/ S/23613.

Taking note of Security Council resolution 766 (1992) of 21 July 1992, by which the Council approved the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative to continue to implement the Paris agreements despite the difficulties,

Taking note also of Security Council resolutions 783 (1992) of 13 October 1992 and 792 (1992) of 30 November 1992, by which the Council confirmed that the electoral process should be carried out in accordance with the timetable laid down in the implementation plan and thus that the elections for a constituent assembly would be held no later than May 1993,

Taking further note of Security Council resolution 792 (1992), by which the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit any recommendations for the holding of a presidential election to the Council for decision,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia 4/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 5/

Noting that the revised budgetary estimates for the Advance Mission and for the Transitional Authority as contained in the report of the Secretary-General 4/ amount to 1,603,018,000 United States dollars gross (1,578,847,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1991 to 31 July 1993, a reduction of 118,578,700 dollars gross (120,665,100 net) from the initial cost estimates contained in the previous report of the Secretary-General, 6/

Noting also that the duration of the mandate of the Advance Mission extended from the signature of the Paris agreements until the establishment of the Transitional Authority by the Security Council, at which time the Advance Mission was absorbed into the Transitional Authority,

Recognizing that the costs of the Advance Mission and of the Transitional Authority are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Advance Mission and the Transitional Authority, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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4/ A/47/733.

5/ A/47/763.

6/ A/46/903.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Transitional Authority with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia and the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia by certain Governments,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 5/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia and the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia in full and on time;

3. Decides, at this stage, to appropriate, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 62 of the report of the Advisory Committee, an amount of 483,961,200 dollars gross (470,808,500 dollars net) for the continued operation of the Transitional Authority from 1 November 1992 to 30 April 1993, in addition to the amount of 839,576,200 dollars gross (833,171,300 dollars net) already appropriated for the Advance Mission and the Transitional Authority;

4. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 483,961,200 dollars gross (470,808,500 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 7/

5. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 13,152,700 dollars approved for the Transitional Authority;

7/ See resolution 46/221 A.

6. Decides that the unencumbered balance of 162,345,800 gross (160,941,000 net) in respect of the period from 1 November 1991 to 31 October 1992 shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States as provided for in paragraph 4 above;

7. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Transitional Authority at a rate not to exceed 241,841,300 dollars gross (235,823,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 May to 31 July 1993, subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

8. Decides to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-seventh session;

9. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 8 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

10. Invites voluntary contributions to the Transitional Authority in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Transitional Authority is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a detailed performance report on the budget of the Transitional Authority, including the planned disposal of the assets of the operation;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia".

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 727 (1992) of 8 January 1992 and 740 (1992) of 7 February 1992 in which the Council endorsed the sending of a group of military liaison officers to Yugoslavia to promote maintenance of the cease-fire,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 743 (1992) of 21 February 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Protection Force for an initial period of twelve months, and resolutions 758 (1992), 761 (1992), 762 (1992), 764 (1992), 769 (1992), 776 (1992), 779 (1992), 781 (1992), 786 (1992), 787 (1992) and 795 (1992) by which the Council enlarged the mandate of the Force,

Recalling its resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992 on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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1/ A/47/741.

2/ A/47/778.

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Protection Force by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Protection Force in full and on time;

3. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in General Assembly resolution 46/233 an amount of 10,000,000 United States dollars authorized with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee under the terms of General Assembly resolution 46/187 of 20 December 1991, for the period from 12 January to 14 October 1992;

4. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 290,049,500 dollars gross (288,313,900 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 10,000,000 dollars authorized with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, for the operation of the United Nations Protection Force for the period from 15 October 1992 to 20 February 1993, inclusive;

5. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 10,000,000 dollars for the period from 12 January to 14 October 1992 and the amount of 290,049,500 dollars gross (288,313,900 dollars net) for the period from 15 October 1992 to 20 February 1993 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198

of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 3/

6. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,735,600 dollars for the period from 15 October 1992 to 20 February 1993 approved for the United Nations Protection Force;

7. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the United Nations Protection Force at a rate not to exceed 47,064,525 dollars gross (46,492,334 dollars net) per month for the period from 21 February to 20 September 1993, should the Security Council decide to continue the mission beyond 20 February 1993, subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee for the actual level of commitments to be entered into for the period beyond 20 February 1993, the said amounts to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

8. Decides to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations Protection Force in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-seventh session;

9. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 8 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions to be determined;

10. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Protection Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force".

3/ Resolution 46/221 A.

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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 43/213 of 21 December 1988, 44/200 of 21 December 1989 and 45/254 of 21 December 1990 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Reaffirming resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992 on the revitalization of the United Nations Secretariat,

Also recalling resolutions 46/185 of 20 December 1991 on questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and 46/186 of 20 December 1991 on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993,

Having considered the reports submitted by the Secretary-General under the items on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, 1/

1/ A/C.5/47/2 and Corr.1, A/C.5/47/3, A/C.5/47/4, A/46/545, A/46/327/Add.1, A/C.5/46/CRP.1.

Also having considered the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 2/ and the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

I

1. Reaffirms that the search for efficiency initiated through resolution 41/213 is a continuing process;

2. Notes that workload standards and other management techniques which are of crucial importance to the determination of the resources required for the fulfilment of mandates in the various domains of activity of the Organization remain unutilized;

3. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to develop such standards and to use them to the extent possible for the preparation of his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, as well as for the submission of statements of programme budget implications, revised estimates, and other documents related to the use of resources in the Organization;

4. Emphasizes that the presentation of extrabudgetary resources in the programme budget, in relation to posts, priorities and other aspects of the functioning of the Organization, needs to be further improved; in particular, it is necessary to present in the programme budget data on the actual amount of extrabudgetary resources received and utilized during the previous period, as well as to improve the quality of the forecasts for such resources;

II

5. Stresses that the restructuring of the Secretariat should be in conformity with the objectives and guidelines/principles set out in resolution 46/232 and in close consultation with Member States and relevant intergovernmental bodies;

6. Reaffirms the role of the General Assembly with regard to the structure of the Secretariat, including the creation, suppression and redeployment of posts financed from the regular budget of the Organization and requests the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly with comprehensive information on all decisions involving established and temporary high-level posts, including equivalent positions financed from the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources;

2/ A/47/16 (Part I) and (Part II).

3/ A/47/7/Add.1 and 9.

7. Takes note of the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination; 4/

8. Concurs with relevant comments and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 5/

9. Regrets that the report on revised estimates does not include information on the programmatic aspects and implications of the restructuring as requested in resolution 46/232;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Committee for Programme and Coordination and other concerned intergovernmental bodies with all relevant information which will enable them to identify and analyse the programmatic aspects and consequences of the restructuring of the Secretariat in the areas of their competence and invites them to submit their comments and recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

11. Takes note of the current revised estimates arising from the initial phase of the restructuring of the Secretariat, including the proposals for transfers of resources among sections, on the understanding that, pending the work of the relevant intergovernmental bodies, the Secretary-General will submit to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee in early 1993 revised estimates of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to submit in these revised estimates all the revisions in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 associated with the restructuring process as well as the programmatic aspects and justifications of the restructuring of the Secretariat requested in resolution 46/232;

13. Decides, with regard to the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraph 261 of its report, to consider in early 1993 the proposed reduction of high-level posts contained in the current revised estimates and requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly, in the context of the revised estimates referred to above, his proposals for the number and distribution of high-level posts in the Secretariat for the remaining part of the 1992-1993 biennium;

III

14. Endorses the proposed new budget format and the related conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and invites the Secretary-General to continue improving the presentation of the programme

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4/ A/47/6 (Part II).

5/ A/47/7/Add.1.

budget, notably in terms of facilitating a comparison of appropriations and actual level of expenditure by object;

15. Regrets that the note by the Secretary-General 6/ on procedures and norms for changes in the staffing table does not contain proposals for improving the current methods and processes;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to improve the presentation and justification of the changes in the staffing table of the Organization that he may propose in the context of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

17. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on all issues related to the creation, suppression, reclassification and redeployment of posts;

18. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit an analytical report on all aspects of the restructuring of the Secretariat, including its effects on programme delivery, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session in the context of the implementation of resolutions 41/213, 44/211, 43/213, 44/200, 46/232, and the present resolution.

6/ A/C.5/47/4.